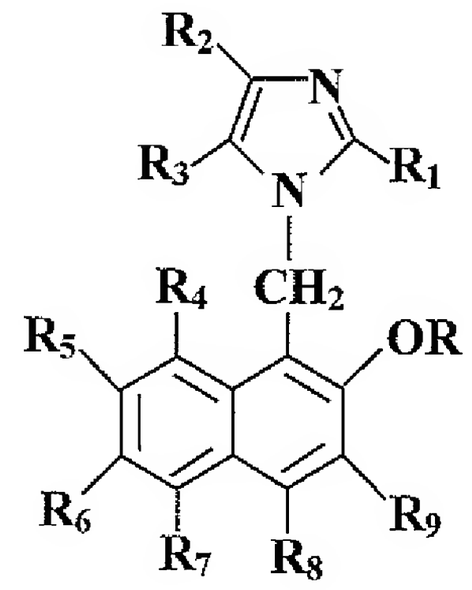
Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (previously presented). A compound of general formula (I) or (II):



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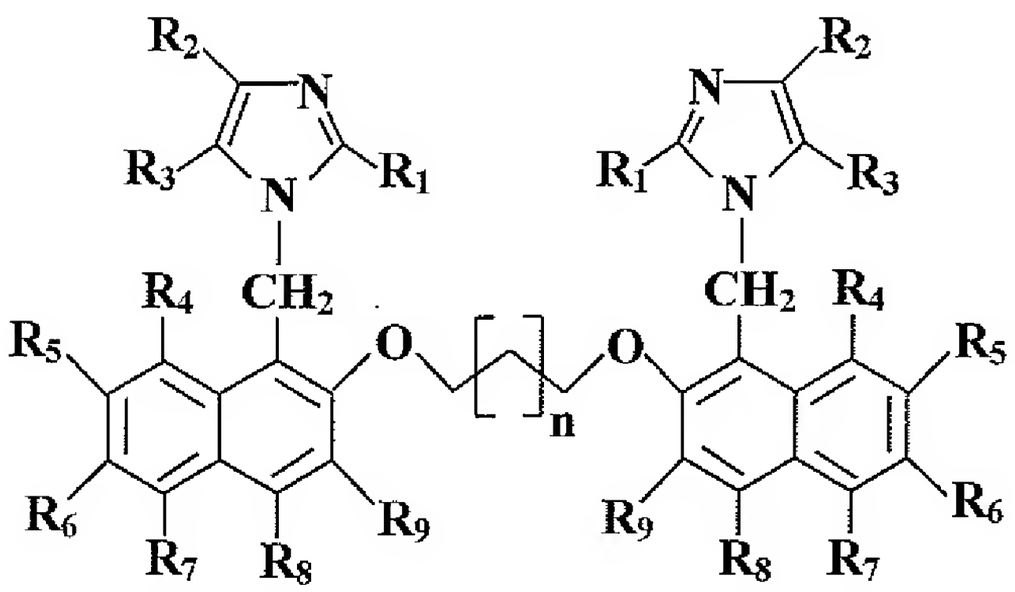

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where

R_1, R_2, and R_3 each independently of one another are H; C_{1-17} alkyl; C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{4-20} cycloalkyl-alkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{6-10} aryl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups, -CN, HaI,

OH, or C_{1-10} alkoxy; C_{7-15} phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{3-12} alkenyl; C_{3-12} alkynyl; or aromatic or aliphatic C_{3-12} acyl;

R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8 and R_9 each independently of one another are H; C_{1-17} alkyl; C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{4-20} cycloalkyl-alkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{6-10} aryl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{7-15} phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{3-17} alkenyl; C_{3-12} alkynyl; C_{1-12} alkoxy or OH;

for formula (I) R is C_{1-12} alkyl; C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{4-20} cycloalkyl-alkyl, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{6-10} aryl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{7-15} phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups; C_{3-12} alkenyl; or C_{3-12} alkynyl;

and for formula (II) n = 2-12.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 13, where R_1, R_2 and R_3 each independently of one another are H; C_{1-17} alkyl; phenyl; or C_{7-15} phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups.

Claim 15 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 14, where R_2 and R_3 each H; and R_1 is C_{1-17} alkyl; phenyl; or C_{7-15} phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl groups.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 13, where for formula (I) R is C_{1-12} alkyl or C_{3-12} alkenyl; and for formula (II) n = 6 - 12.

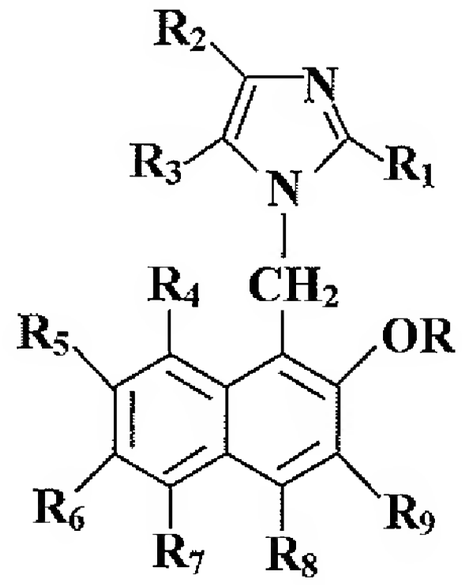
Claim 17 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 13, where R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8 and R_9 are H.

Claim 18 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 13, where R_1 is methyl; R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8 and R_9 are H; R is n-butyl, n-nonyl, n-dodecyl, or allyl; and n = 8.

Claim 19 (previously presented). A curable composition comprising:

a) an epoxy resin whose epoxide content is from 0.1 to 11 epoxide equivalents/kg;

b) from 1 to 10 parts by weight, based on the total weight of the curable composition, of a compound of formula (I) or (II):



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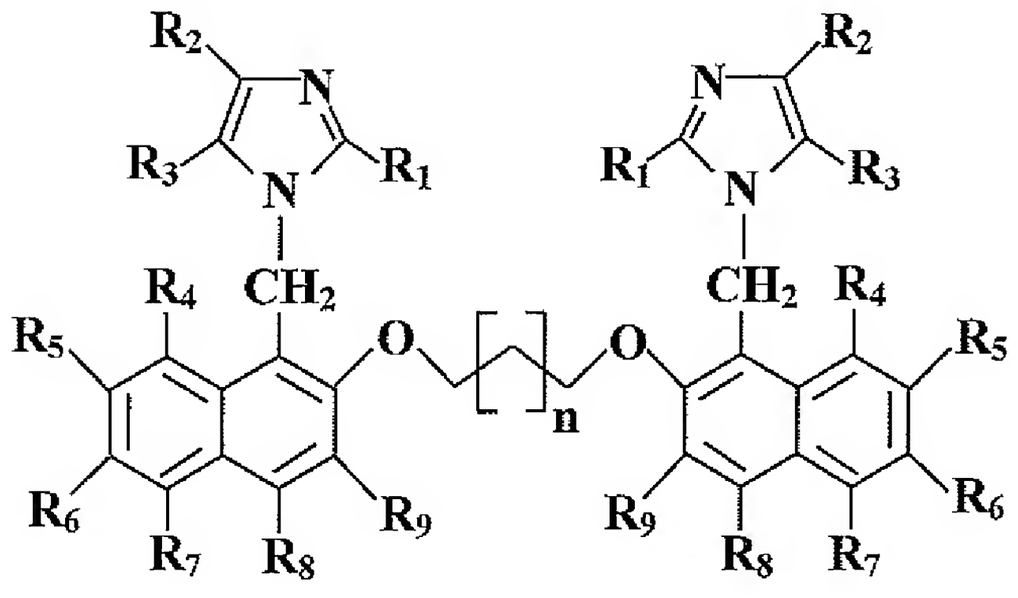

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and for formula (II) n = 2-12;

c) a curing agent for the epoxy resin having from 0.5 to 1.5 functional groups per epoxide group; and optionally

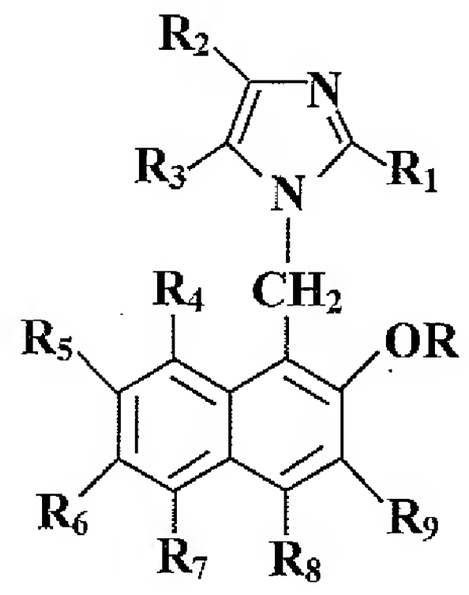
d) one or more additives.

Claim 20 (previously presented). A curable composition according to Claim 19, wherein the curing agent is an amine or polyamine.

Claim 21 (previously presented). A curable composition according to Claim 20, wherein the curing agent is a polyoxypropylenediamine.

Claim 22 (previously presented). A curable composition according to Claim 19, wherein the epoxy resin is a glycidyl ether, glycidyl ester, N-glycidyl or N,O-glycidyl derivative of an aromatic or heterocyclic compound, or a cycloaliphatic glycidyl compound.

Claim 23 (previously presented). A method for making a curable composition comprising adding to an epoxy resin a curing agent and a compound of formula (I) or (II):



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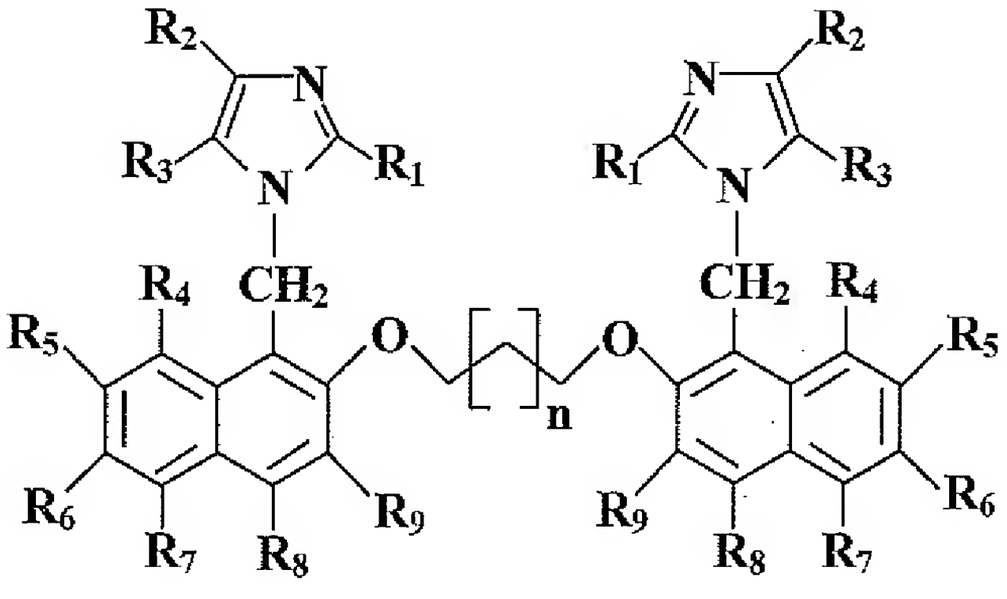

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and for formula (II) n = 2-12.

Claim 24 (previously presented). The method of claim 23 wherein the compound of formula (I) or (II) is dissolved beforehand in the curing agent at a temperature between 60° - 80° C.

Claim 25 (previously presented). A prepreg comprising a curable composition according to Claim 19.